

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) A device for playing back multimedia data files stored in an automotive sound system, comprising:

a display;

a loudspeaker for performing a playback of the multimedia data files;

an input apparatus;

a storage device; and

a processor for decoding the multimedia data files, wherein:

the processor includes an element for displaying directories located in the storage device and in which the multimedia data files are contained, as different data carriers, and the multimedia data files as different titles on the display, and the different data carriers and the different titles are selectable in accordance with an operation of the input apparatus; and

wherein:

the processor, together with the operation of the input apparatus, is capable of linking the multimedia data files, located on the storage device, to at least one new directory, and

the processor provides an option to store the multimedia data files once again.

3. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 2, wherein:

the input apparatus includes a plurality of operating control elements that permits a management of the at least one new directory.

4. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 17, wherein:

the input apparatus includes a rocker that is operable both in a vertical direction and in a horizontal direction.

5. (Previously Presented) A device for playing back multimedia files stored in an automotive sound system, comprising:

a display;

a loudspeaker for performing a playback of the multimedia data files;

an input apparatus;

a storage device; and

a processor for decoding the multimedia data files, wherein:

the processor includes an element for displaying directories located in the storage device and in which the multimedia data files are contained, as different data carriers, and the multimedia data files as different titles on the display, and

the different data carriers and the different titles are selectable in accordance with an operation of the input apparatus;

wherein:

after one of the different data carriers is selected, the processor displays the selected one of the different data carriers on the display for a first predefined time,

after the first predefined time, the processor displays a first one of the different titles of the selected one of the different data carriers on the display, and

the processor, in accordance with an operation of the loudspeaker, plays back the multimedia data file corresponding to the first one of the different titles.

6. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 17, further comprising:

a disk drive for the storage device, wherein:

the storage device is removable from the disk drive.

7. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 6, wherein after the storage device is inserted into the disk drive, the processor:

automatically decodes a first one of the multimedia data files having a first one of the different titles in a first one of the different data carriers, and plays back through the loudspeaker.

8. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 17, wherein:

the processor extracts information from respective ones of the multimedia data files, and

the processor provides the extracted information to the display.

9. (Previously Presented) A device for playing back multimedia data files stored in an automotive sound system, comprising:

a display;

a loudspeaker for performing a playback of the multimedia data files;

an input apparatus;

a storage device; and

a processor for decoding the multimedia data files, wherein:

the processor includes an element for displaying directories located in the storage device and in which the multimedia data files are contained, as different data carriers, and the multimedia data files as different titles on the display, and the different data carriers and the different titles are selectable in accordance with an operation of the input apparatus;

wherein:

the processor extracts information from respective ones of the multimedia data files,

the processor provides the extracted information to the display;

when a respective one of the multimedia data files does not store a corresponding one of the different titles, the processor displays one of a name of the respective one of the multimedia data file and a number as a title on the display.

10. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 17, wherein:

after an input signal is provided by the input apparatus, the processor plays back the multimedia data files of one of the different data carriers in a random sequence.

11. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 17, wherein:

after an input signal is provided by the input apparatus, the processor plays back all the multimedia data files of the storage device in a random sequence.

12. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 17, wherein:
after an input signal is provided by the input apparatus, the processor begins to play the multimedia data files of one of the different data carriers and of the entire storage device.
13. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 17, wherein:
the storage device includes one of a CD ROM, a DVD, a minidisk, a chip card, and a hard disk.
14. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 17, wherein:
the multimedia data files are coded in MP3.
15. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 17, wherein:
the input apparatus includes a remote control apparatus.
16. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 17, wherein:
the processor displays information step-by-step on the display.
17. (Previously Presented) A device for playing back multimedia data files stored in an automotive sound system, comprising:
a display;
a loudspeaker for performing a playback of the multimedia data files;
an input apparatus;
a storage device; and
a processor for decoding the multimedia data files, wherein:
the processor includes an element for displaying directories located in the storage device and in which the multimedia data files are contained, as different data carriers, and the multimedia data files as different titles on the display, and the different data carriers and the different titles are selectable in accordance with an operation of the input apparatus.